

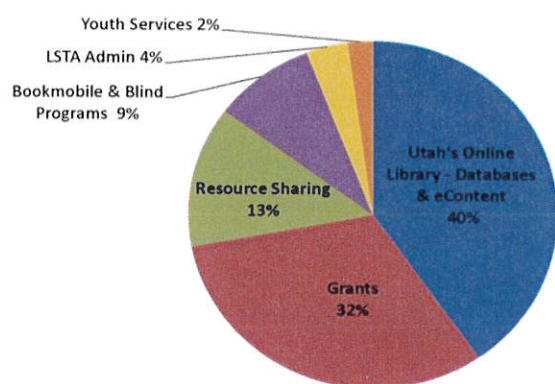
# LSTA Expenditures in Utah

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Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funds are used to meet the needs of Utah library patrons. The funds come from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and are allocated to every state library that meets all federal spending and reporting guidelines. Utah has received almost \$1,750,000 per year, for a total of \$6,995,878 in the last four years.

## LSTA Expenditures

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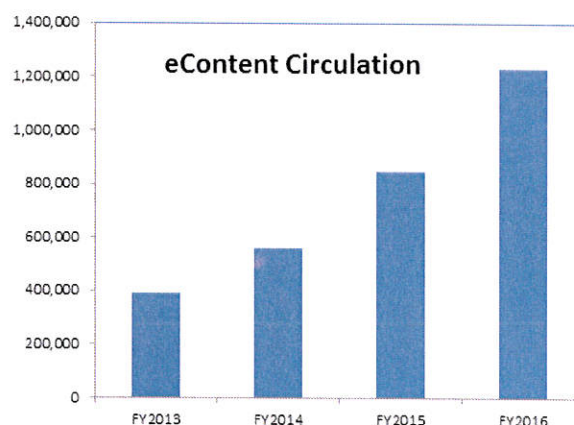
2015 - 2016 expenditures as of 8/30/2016. LSTA federal fiscal year is October 1 - September 30.

The LSTA budget is planned based on the "[Utah State Library \(USL\)-Library Services and Technology Act Plan 2013-2017](#)." Every five years the Utah State Library has the responsibility of evaluating LSTA expenditures and developing a new LSTA Plan. Library staff from around the state will be involved in the evaluation process starting this fall.

USL has hired the independent evaluator QualityMetrics, to determine how Utah libraries using LSTA expenditures followed the current 2013-17 plan and if the funds have helped Utah libraries meet the needs of library patrons. QualityMetrics will then write a formal evaluation of the past five years of Utah LSTA expenditures and develop a new Utah LSTA plan for 2018-2022. Please take the time to complete LSTA surveys or evaluation discussions as requested.

Learn more about LSTA in Utah: [library.utah.gov/lsta](http://library.utah.gov/lsta)

This year's Library Services and Technology Award (LSTA) competitive grant round recently came to a close. Out of the 31 applications received, 12 libraries received LSTA funds totaling \$223,459. Separately, the Department of Heritage and Arts generously elected to fund 4 digitization projects totaling \$43,343. See the press release at [bit.ly/2bJx0wz](http://bit.ly/2bJx0wz).



Current LSTA plan priorities include:

1. Pioneer - now Utah's Online Library - includes databases and downloadable eContent
2. Various projects and one-time grants
3. Training staff members in Utah libraries to increase usage of Utah's Online Library
4. Exploding population growth means statewide services need to be supported

